

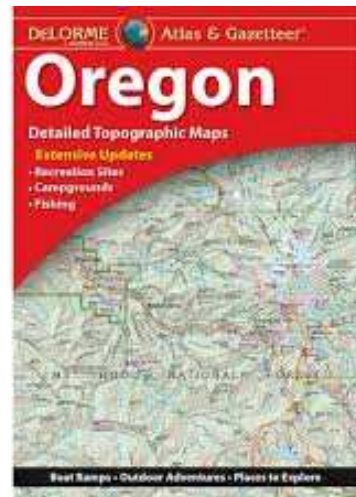
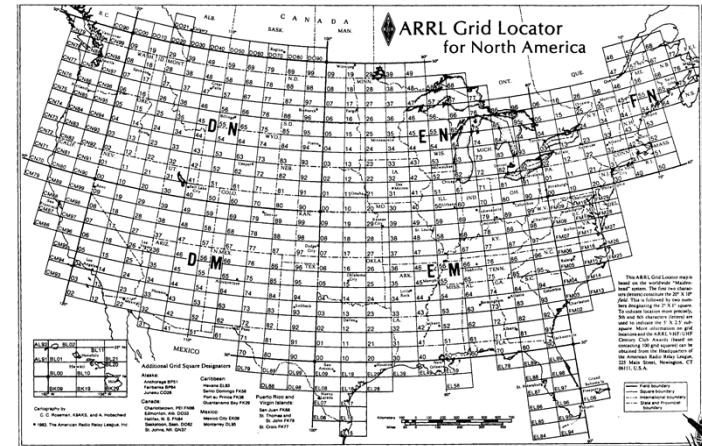
Rove to Rattlesnake Grid Squares DN02, DN03 & DN04

June 14-17, 2019

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- Planning
- Backup Locations
- Grid Lines – Use them!
- 2fer, 4fer
- Fuel
- Food
- Etc.



It sounded like
a good idea...



The Setup 1.0

- Trailer mounted 7 element LFA – 33 ft
- Batteries – not enough power for KW
- Multi-band high-power operation
- KISS!!



The Setup 2.0

- Scaled back – 5el
- Easy setup
- Less to go wrong
- Generator – KW power
- KISS!!

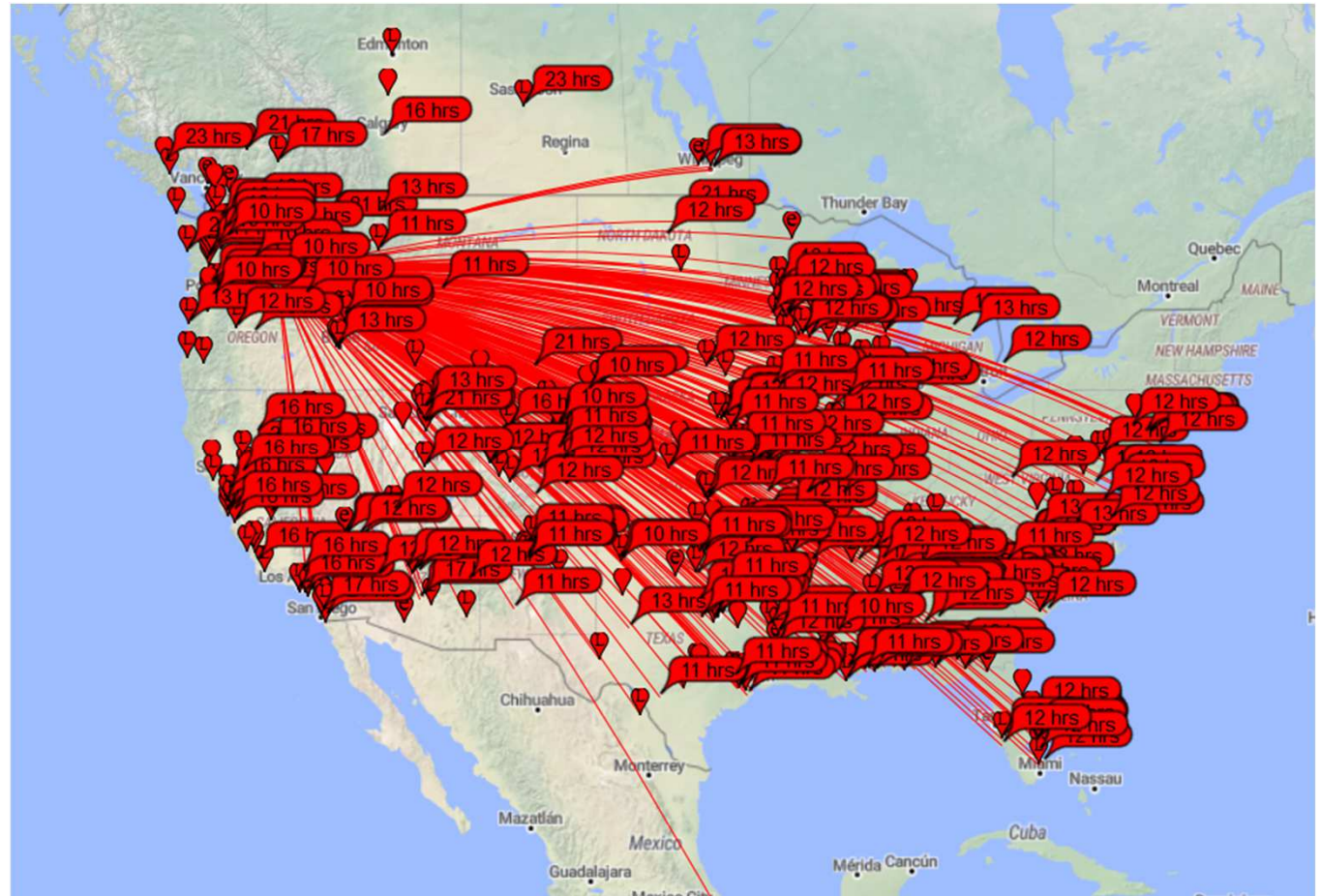


Testing

- Operated driveway /P
- 1 week
- Working out the bugs and bees
- Made changes as needed
- 2 of everything
- Results...



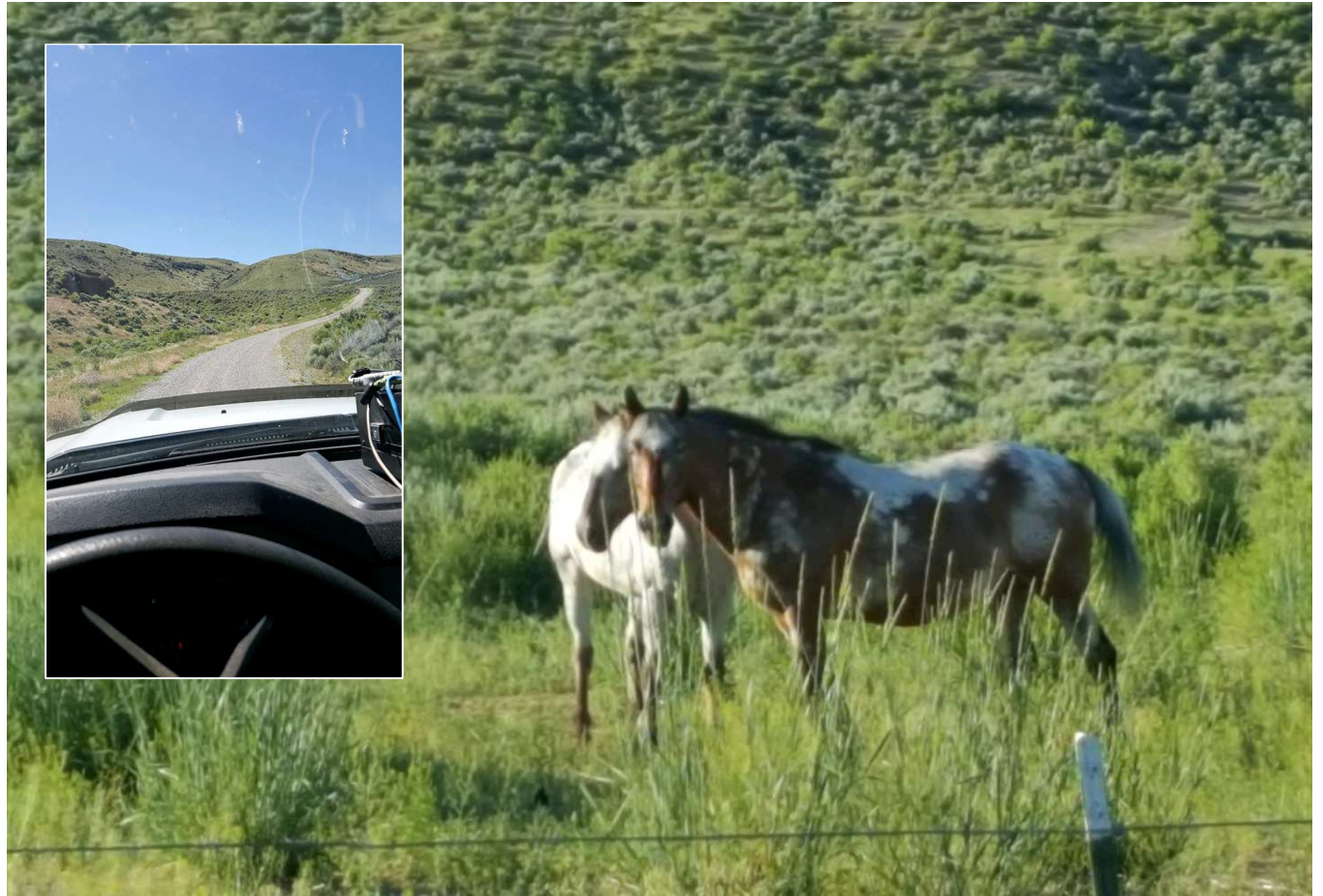
Testing Results!



On the Way!



The Last Signs
of Life...or so
I thought...



The DN02/03 Line!

- I made it!
- The gear made it!
- 8 hours, 1 pack of sunflower seeds, 3 sticks of beef jerky, and 2 bottles of Gatorade!



Timing is Everything!

- June + 6M = Success
- Contest weekend!
(AKA my wife's birthday...always)



The Hotel

- Spacious F350 backseat
- Luxurious bathroom
- Shower wasn't working – no one to complain anyway



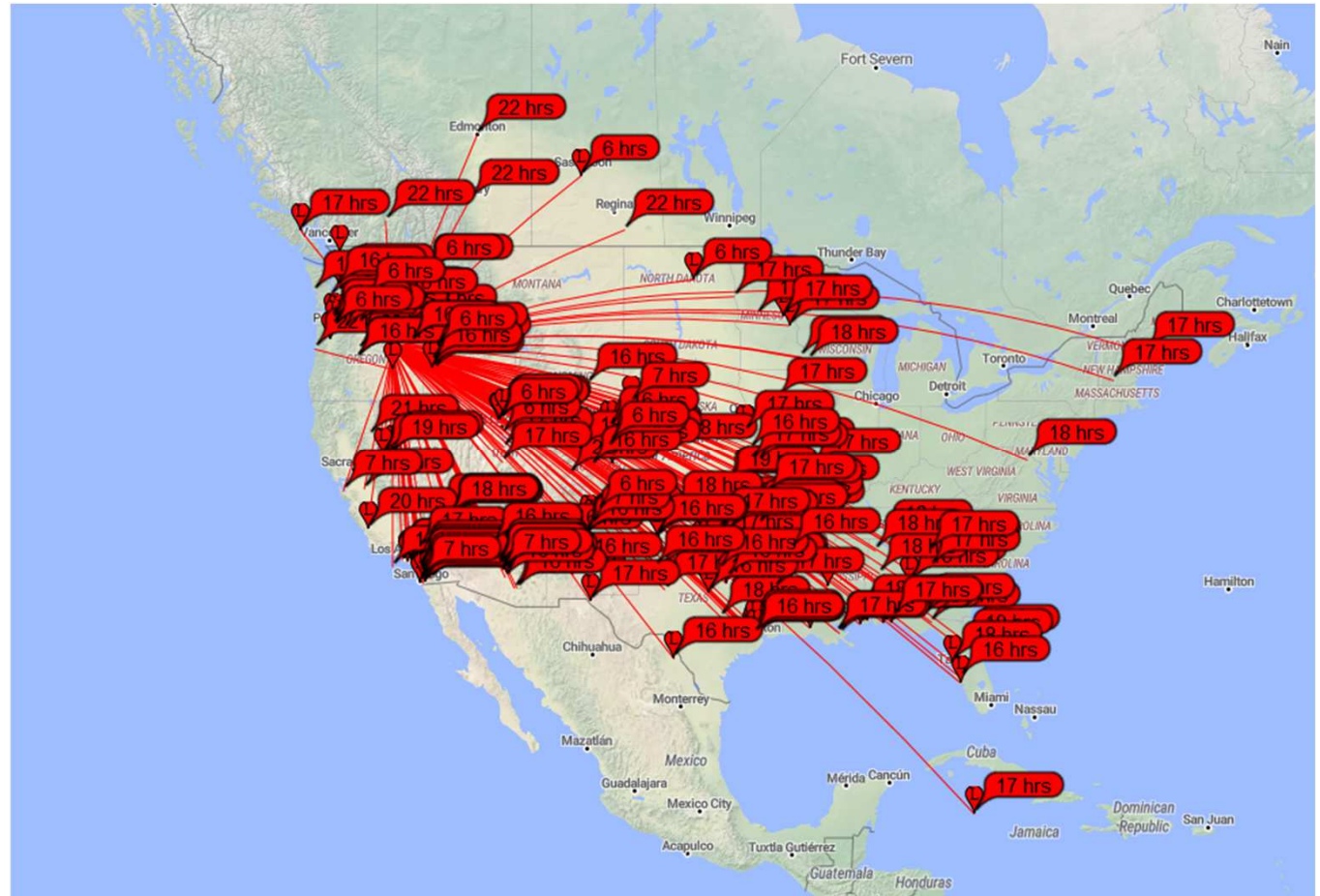
Operating DN02/03 Line

- On the air within 30 minutes of arrival
- 424 “grids” handed out
- Highlights: AG6EE in DN00 for FFMA
- Fantastic opening!



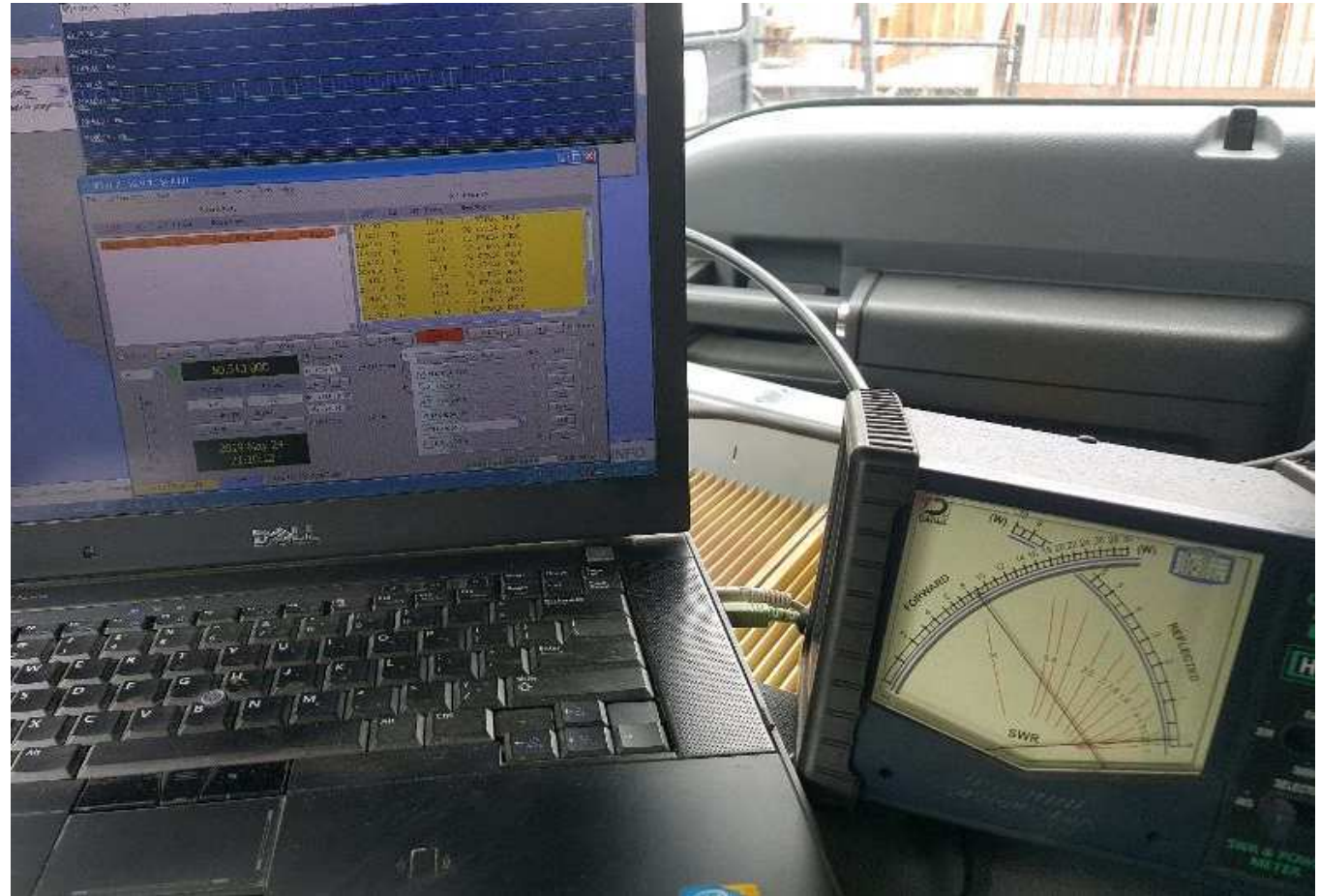
Operating DN04

- Crow Butte, OR
- Lost time looking for DN04/05 line (planning)
- Mostly meteor scatter
- A couple hours of decent prop



Operating

- Operated from the front seat
- All equipment was transported ready to go
- Lesson learned – new plan next time
- Portable shack was comfy



...Next Time

- Learned a lot from this trip
- Do's and don'ts
- MORE TIME, MORE GRIDS!!



**KEEP
CALM
AND
TRY
AGAIN**

Consensus...

